

2010 Baking Contest Information

Categories

Adult

- Cookies
- Specialty-non sweet
- Specialty-sweet

Children (under the age of 11 years)

- Gingerbread Houses
- Youth Cookies

Definitions

Cookies- a small cake made from stiff, sweet dough rolled and sliced or dropped by spoonfuls on a large, flat pan (cookie sheet) and baked. No-Bake Cookies are also eligible.

Holiday Specialty- Any signature dish or holiday good will is considered. Entrants must designate their dish as "sweet" or "non-sweet." Examples of non-sweet specialty would be dips, meats, and casseroles. Sweets might include a pie, cake, or candy.

Gingerbread House- Any structure designed and assembled using only Gingerbread and edible (safely) materials.

Children's Entries- Parent supervision is recommended for this category. This category requires that the child do 75% of the preparation of the Gingerbread House or Cookies. This is based on an honor system. We would like this category to be fair as possible.

Prizes

- There is a 1st and 2nd prize for each category.
- The Grand Prize is best of show from all entries.
- The Grand Prize is judged primarily on presentation.

Registration

- Each entry must have its *own* registration form. Limit of two entries per person.
- Participants are asked to bring a copy of their recipe to go into the Christmas in the Park Holiday Cook Book. Participants may opt out of turning in their recipe but will be ineligible for Grand Prize consideration.
- Entries should be submitted in disposable containers as they will not be returned to participants. ☺
- The recipe book will contain all the recipes entered during the contest. This will be available electronically upon request by 1/30/11 at 5PM.

Judging

- Entries will be judged for taste, texture, and appearance.
- Judges decisions are final. There is no appeals committee.
- Winners will be announced Friday, December 10 at 8:10pm at the Holiday Celebration at the Christmas in the Park entertainment stage and prizes will be presented at that time.
- Over \$600 in prizes will be awarded!!

The Grand Prize Winner will receive a special gift plus \$200 in gift cards from Kroger. Each adult category winner will receive a \$75 Kroger gift card. Youth category winners will receive \$50 in Kroger gift cards. Second place winners will receive smaller prizes.

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